



JMF Closure Update

The MDOC fully intends to move forward with the closure of the Southern Michigan Correctional Facility (JMF) and 7 Block of the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center (RGC) between July 1-15.

The prisoner population at JMF has decreased through attrition by about 370 inmates since the closing announcement was made. Medical staff is still assessing the appropriate medical needs of the remaining JMF inmates, and expect to be done by June 20. Our goal is to assure appropriate placement of inmates to match their medical and custody needs.

The plan to transfer the JMF dialysis unit back to Ryan Correctional Facility (RRF) was approved by the court monitor in the Hadix case. The unit and 60 prisoners were moved to Ryan on June 8 and 9.

There have been some modifications and additions to the steps in the closure process:

1. The prisoner store has begun winding down and additional inventory will not be purchased, with a few

exceptions. Those items will be available in the store until the facility closes;

2. D-pod of administrative segregation was permanently closed on May 22, completing the closure of half of the administrative segregation unit;

3. C-pod in 4 Block was permanently closed the week of May 14. The pod's equipment and furnishings are being dismantled for use in other locations. A-pod is expected to close before June 22;

4. Michigan State Industries (MSI) will be transferred to Parnall Correctional facility (SMT) by July 2.

5. JMF's school programs will continue until the facility closes.

Keep checking the **F.Y.I.** for additional updates on the progress of the closing of Southern Michigan Correctional Facility and 7 Block of the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center.

Consolidation Questions and Answers

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our offer to submit questions and concerns about the state of the budget and the impending consolidation of the human resources, accounting and auditing functions.



Discussions are currently underway to address concerns not only in our department, but across state government. We anticipate that we'll have some definitive answers soon, and as promised we will

publish the information in the **F.Y.I.** when they become available.

We understand that this is a trying time, and there are decisions yet to be made that can affect us all. We appreciate your patience and your continued commitment to excellence as we await definitive news.

In the meantime, you can continue to send questions to **correctionsinfo@michigan.gov** and we'll keep working on getting answers for you.

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MPRI Key to New Solutions Sought at Reentry Summit

Hundreds of south Florida criminal justice professionals, community leaders, and public officials gathered in Miami for three days of strategic planning at the 2007 Reentry and Anti-Gang Summit. The Summit was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice's Southern District of Florida Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime by networking existing local programs through coordinated federal, state and local law enforcement, prevention, and community education and awareness.

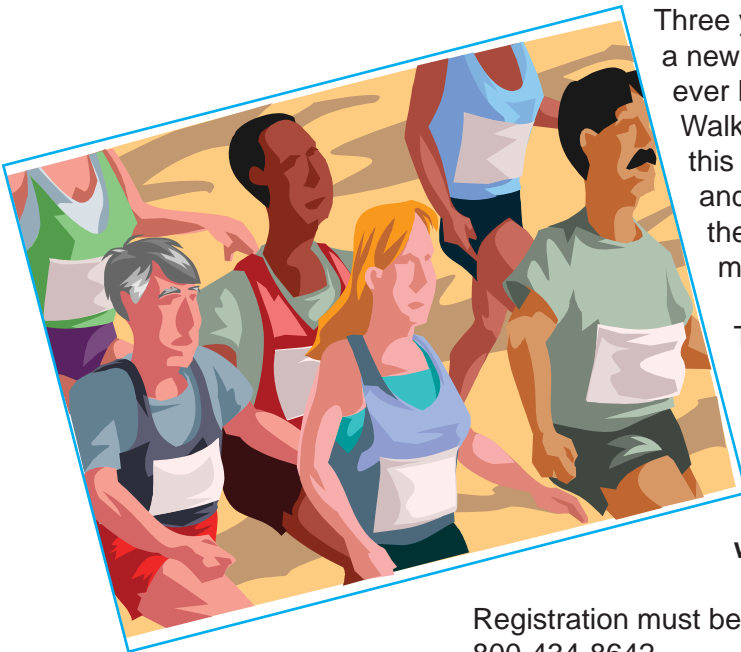
The success of the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative (MPRI) played a prominent role in the 3-day Summit. Tamela Aikens, the community coordinator of the Wayne County MPRI site was invited to serve as a summit speaker and shared with the more than 300 participants the phases of the MPRI, its design and relevance to state and local public policy perspectives, as well as the significance of working toward institutionalizing reentry efforts.

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-Tamela Aikens, MPRI Community Coordinator for Wayne County

Throughout the three days, Aikens was also asked to lead one of the regional task force sessions, and was able to draw upon the planning and implementation of the MPRI to guide the task force in their creation of short-term and long-term strategies to address crime and reentry.

When asked about the significance of her trip, Aikens remarked, "It is not until you leave Michigan and engage with other state and local leaders and policy makers, that you truly understand the dynamic system change underway in Michigan. Without question, we are viewed as a state that turned one of its greatest challenges into an opportunity for realizing safe communities, and for that, we should all be proud."

Runners Wanted for Governor's Mackinac Bridge Run



Three years ago, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm began a new Labor Day tradition when she launched the first ever Mackinac Bridge Run to kick off the Mackinac Bridge Walk. Some 300 runners were invited to participate in this event via a lottery system. It was very well-received and many participants said that running across the "Mighty Mac" at sunrise was one of their most memorable running experiences.

This year another 300 runners will be randomly selected through a lottery. Participants must qualify for the event by running in a Governor's Council on Physical Fitness-endorsed running event and by pre-registering online. A list of endorsed events and the lottery registration form is available at www.michiganfitness.org.

Registration must be completed by June 28. For more information, call 800-434-8642.

Ocwieja Wins Blood Challenge



(l.-r.): Director Patricia L. Caruso, JMF Acting Warden John Ocwieja, Michigan Surgeon General Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom. Ocwieja was a grand prize winner in the State Employee Blood Challenge.

An MDOC employee took one of the grand prizes in the State Employee Blood Challenge, a partnership between Michigan's major blood collections agencies, Surgeon General Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom and the state's 50,000-plus employees. Southern Michigan Correctional Facility Acting Warden John Ocwieja was selected as the Grand Prize Winner of the Challenge and received a certificate good for a night's stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Ocwieja gave 6 units of blood as part of the challenge and was randomly selected from the pool of state employees who donated more than three times during the campaign, which ran from November 2005 through October 2006. Donations were accepted through worksite and/or community blood drives. He has been a blood donor since 1999. The Office of State Employer earned the grand prize for the agency with the highest percentage of employees who donated, with 57%.

The initial goal of the campaign was to increase state worksite donations by 20%, and results greatly exceeded expectations. Worksite donations increased

by 57% over the previous year, from 3,823 units to 6,018 units. State employees gave an additional 2,609 units of blood at community drives, for a total of 8,627 units donated throughout the year.

A unit is about a pint of blood. Each individual unit can help save up to three lives because it is separated into different blood products, like red blood cells, platelets and plasma. That means the blood donated by state employees possibly touched the lives of more than 25,000 people, such as patients who need surgery, those who lose blood in accidents or sustain burns, and those who have leukemia.

Every employee who took the opportunity to "Give Life" is to be commended for their generosity, and while the campaign may be over the blood drives continue! Please consider participating.



Central Office Blood Drive a Success!

The blood drive held recently in Central Office turned out to be the best so far. There were 62 presenters, resulting in 51 productive pints of blood.

Participants were treated to a free casual day and "mini" massages as they waited to donate. They also had the opportunity to win gifts and gift certificates from area merchants.

The next Central Office blood drive is scheduled for August 8. In addition to the offer of a free casual day and massages, there will be another raffle. The American Red Cross is providing big prizes for this one: 4 laptop computers and 4 gift cards worth \$250 each! Mark your calendar and don't miss the chance to contribute to this great cause.

'Spring Into Wellness' Health Fair Draws Hundreds



Approximately 200 people attended the first MDOC "Spring Into Wellness" Health Fair, held in Central Office. The hallways were lined with tables full of health and wellness information from various companies and agencies. Employees also had the opportunity to get bone density screenings, blood pressure checks, body mass index (BMI) readings and body fat analyses.



Massage therapists were present and stayed busy offering free massages. One of the highlights of the fair was the salad competition, as various downtown restaurants entered some of their best creations to sample and vote on. The line at the salad table was a long one! When the results were tallied, there was a tie for first place between Backyard BarBQ's Turkey Jubilee Salad and the Cadillac Club's Michigan Apple and Walnut Salad.



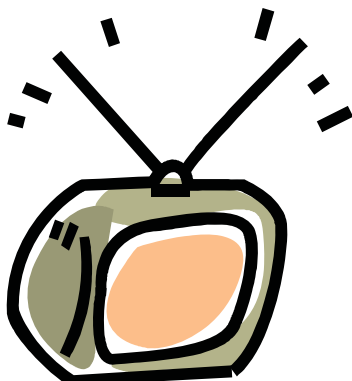
A variety of door prizes were available, including gift certificates, pedometers, t-shirts, a plant and more.

Overall, the fair was "well" received and could very "well" become a Central Office mainstay!



Clockwise from top left: Salads abounded as part of the salad competition, a popular part of the health fair. 2) Litigation Manager Linda Wittmann enjoys a free massage. 3) Personnel Tech Kimberly Thelen gets her blood pressure checked. 4) FOIA Coordinator Sergio Cacciani is all smiles as he serves up salad.

Don't Change the Channel...



...when what's changing is the television. The FCC has determined that all over-the-air television signals must be digital (as opposed to analog) by 2009. In preparation for the change, companies stopped importing televisions with analog tuners in March. Digital tuners are needed in order to make digital transmission possible.

What does this mean for MDOC? Due to the high production costs, vendors reportedly have no plans to make black and white televisions with digital technology. Consequently, our current supplier plans to stock 13" color televisions with security shells. These will be made available in the prison stores July 1.

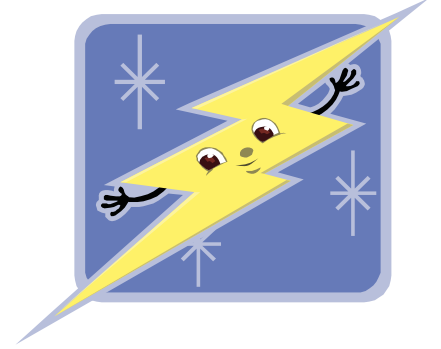
Departments Charged with Reducing Energy Use

Among the Executive Directives issued by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm this year is a requirement to reduce the amount of energy use by 10% from the fiscal year ending in 2006. In order to achieve this goal and assist with the current budget crisis, state departments have been asked to implement the following measures:

1. Reduce lighting schedules and HVAC in buildings between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. on weekdays, weekends and State holidays to the extent possible.
2. Remind users to turn off lights when areas aren't in use (ceiling high offices, conference rooms, restrooms, etc.) and to use reduced lighting where possible. An effective approach to consider is to post reminders at light switches.
3. Close blinds or window coverings during appropriate times of day to minimize heat gain and reduce the need for cooling as we enter the summer months. Conversely, open blinds in those areas where you can reduce or eliminate the need for overhead lighting. DMB is currently surveying lighting in every DMB-managed facility to determine where lighting can be reduced or eliminated, with a focus on eliminating lighting along window walls where natural lighting is prevalent.
4. Eliminate the use of portable electrical devices, unless they are essential to your operating functions.
5. Keep all doors and windows closed so that HVAC equipment can operate efficiently.
6. Remind co-workers to turn off computers when not in use and at the end of each day. This will not only reduce energy consumption, but allows DIT to send software patches and upgrades for PCs.
7. Turn off all copiers and other electronic devices at the end of each day.
8. Review building temperature setting and make adjustments accordingly, in order to achieve greater energy savings.

Even small changes such as those above can result in significant reductions in energy consumption and utility costs.

MDOC Energy Extras



Extra #5: Window Reduction vs. Replacement

If you are considering changing out windows, you should think twice. There are many items which you need to consider before you make that change.

The first item to consider is whether or not you can simply reduce the amount of exterior windows. This could be one of the department's largest cost savings measures. Simply reducing the volume of windows with air infiltration can save the department on both its heating and cooling costs.

Secondly, if windows are needed and the plan is to replace them, is there a possibility that the size can be reduced? Reducing the size reduces the window seal volume, which reduces the area that outside air can leak through.

Keep in mind though that making windows smaller would also reduce the amount of solar heat coming in, which may be preferable in the summer but not in the winter months. Other factors to be considered in the decision making process include code requirements, cosmetics, and energy loss or gain.

We all know that exterior windows are a necessary item. By becoming more knowledgeable about windows, you will be able to make the correct decision for your facility or home.

Prior to making those decisions, you should contact the physical plant office. A Physical Plant change request will be needed prior to purchasing windows or altering any of the buildings. If you should have any questions contact Jerry Elmblad at **Elmbladjr@michigan.gov**.



Volunteers Wanted for LETR Booth at Music Festival

If you're in the market for a free pass to the upcoming Common Ground Music Festival, here's your chance!

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics Michigan will be getting a rent-free booth (normally costing \$2,500) to sell LETR raffle tickets, shirts, etc., in exchange for supplying volunteers to work the event ticket gates. This is where you come in. Volunteers are needed during the following dates and times:

Tuesday, July 10 from 4 p.m. - end (Between 15-30 volunteers)
Thursday, July 12 from 4 p.m. - end (Between 15-30 volunteers)
Friday, July 13 from 4 p.m. - end (Between 15-30 volunteers)
Saturday, July 14 from 4 p.m. - end (Minimum of 30 volunteers)

Volunteers who work the West and East Main Gate will be responsible for checking ID's, punching Common Cards, taking tickets and putting wristbands on customers who are over 21 years old. They will also be given a vendor token to the festival, and food and beverages will be provided.

Volunteers are asked to wear their LETR Special Olympics 2007 T-shirt while working the gate in an effort to promote awareness for Special Olympics; the shirts will be available for purchase at the festival. Friends and family members of employees can volunteer as well, but all volunteers must be at least 18 years old -- no exceptions.

The Common Ground Music Festival runs from July 8-July 15, and hours of operation are 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Please visit the web site to check out the lineup of performers.

If you are interested in being a LETR volunteer, please contact Kimberly Dabner at (517)780-5137 or dabnerkd@michigan.gov.

Oh, Christmas Tree...



The Department of Management and Budget (DMB) and the Michigan Association of Timbermen (MAT) are already beginning the search for next year's Christmas tree.

To be considered, tree nominees must be a spruce or a fir, be at least 65 feet tall, easily accessible from a road and away from wires and be available at no charge.

The tree is officially lit at Lansing's "Silver Bells in the City" celebration, which is set for Friday evening, Nov. 16. Nominations are requested by July 1. Photographs and information may also be sent by e-mail to ChristmasTree@michigan.gov.

State Employee Appreciation Week

St. Louis and Mid-Michigan correctional facility employees celebrated State Employee Appreciation week with a cookout. The staff at Muskegon Correctional Facility held activities throughout the week, hosting a pig pull, a hot dog roast, and drawings where Employee Club members could win a variety of prizes.



(above): Sgt. John Wahr, ARUS Bill Wright and ARUS Kevin Brege join others at the MCF cookout for food and fellowship. (right): Captain Don Wilson takes a turn with the hot dogs at the SLF/STF cookout.



(above): Former MCF employee Jack VanWelden catered the facility's cookout. He's here with HUM Mike Whalen, RN Supervisor Mary Hubbell and ARUS Ron VanderSlik.



Mackay Named Employee of the Quarter

Congratulations to Departmental Analyst Heather Mackay (center). She is the Employee of the Quarter for the Office of the Michigan Parole Board.

Each quarter the management team nominates candidates for the award. Consideration is given to an employee's willingness to go above and beyond the normal expectations of their position. Teamwork, attitude and cooperation with others are all taken into account.

Mackay has worked for the Department of Corrections since 2001. Before joining Field Operations Administration in 2003, she worked at Special Alternative Incarceration (SAI). Pictured (l.-r.) with her are Field Operation Administration Deputy Director John Rubitschun, Parole Board Chairperson Barbara Sampson, Parole Board Manager Mike Glynn and Lifer Litigation and Violation Unit Manager Cheryl Deschaine.



Grey Dragons 'Pop Up' for Fundraiser

Members of the Grey Dragons Association of Michigan – Ionia Chapter organized a popcorn sale at the Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility (IBC) to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Held in the IBC lobby, members sold popcorn at 25¢ per bag and raised more than \$120.

The Grey Dragons Association of Michigan – Ionia Chapter sponsor events like "Roastin' by the River," an annual pig roast and motorcycle ride-in, along with other fundraisers. The group raised more than \$6,000 for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation in 2006. Shown (l.-r.): Sgt. Don Wise, A/RUM Paula Rose, Lt. Roger Reed and Warden Ken McKee.



Michigan Corrections Association Summer Conference June 15



It's not too late to sign up for the Michigan Corrections Association's (MCA) 2007 summer conference, "The State Budget and MPRI (Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative): Influencing the Direction of Corrections." It is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 15 at the Michigan State Police Academy in Lansing.

For MDOC employees who attend, seven hours of training credit has been approved by the Administrator of the Office of New Employee Training and Professional Development. Employees who are approved to go will be considered to be on administrative leave. Unfortunately, due to the continuing budget constraints facing state government, reimbursement will not be provided for registration or travel expenses nor is the use of state vehicles permitted.

On-site registration is \$35 for association members, \$45 for non-members and \$55 if you wish to become a member. The price covers attendance, continental breakfast, lunch and a mid-afternoon snack.